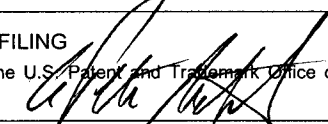


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Applicants are enclosing Form PTO-1449 (one sheet), along with a copy of each listed reference for which a copy is required under 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2). The relevance of JP 05009029 is that it was cited in a corresponding search report as a "Y" reference. Applicants respectfully request the Examiner's consideration of the above reference(s) and entry thereof into the record of this application.

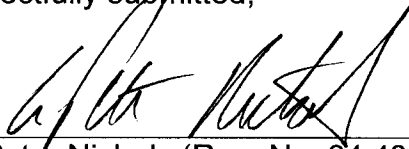
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